

App. No. 10/056,251  
Amdt. dated October 6, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of May 17, 2004

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 21-35 and 40 are pending in this application.

**Amendments to claims**

Applicant has amended the claims to substitute --the removal line-- for "said removal line" and --the supply line-- for "said supply line" as requested by the Examiner. The amendments correct mere informalities and have no effect on the scope of the claims.

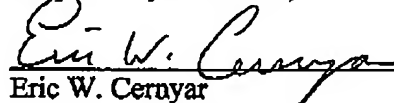
In view of these amendments, and the Examiner's comments regarding the allowability of claims 21-35 and 40, claims 21-35 and 40 are now submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Believing it has addressed all matters raised by the Examiner's May 17, 2004 Office Action, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance. No fees are believed to be required for the amendment. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is permitted to deduct or credit any fees that may be required from Kinetic Concept Inc. Deposit Account No. 500-326.

If upon consideration of the above, the Examiner should feel that outstanding issues remain in the present application that could be resolved, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated to discuss resolution of such issues.

Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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